



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE UPDATE

UPDATE ON SEWER MAIN REPAIRS AND RESTORATION ACTIVITIES IN FORT LAUDERDALE

January 1, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.

Following is an update on sewer main repairs and restoration work on NE 36 Street east of Bayview Drive in Coral Ridge Country Club Estates, NE 5 Street in Victoria Park, the areas in and around Virginia Young Park and Hector Park in Rio Vista, and the Himmarshee Canal in Beverly Heights.

NE 36 Street East of Bayview Drive in Coral Ridge Country Club Estates

- Repaired 12-inch pipe continues to operate normally.
- Public Works staff is putting plans in place to replace the entire length of the 12-inch pipe which runs along NE 36 Street from Bayview Drive east to the end of the cul-de-sac.

NE 5 Street and NE 16 Avenue in Victoria Park

- Repaired 16-inch pipe continues to operate normally.
- Crews from Cliff Berry, Inc. (CBI) conducted cleanup activities in the affected area.
- Work will begin next week on replacing the entire length of the 16-inch pipe, which runs primarily along NE 5 Street, starting at 625 NE 19 Avenue and ending at 1011 NE 5 Street.

Operations in Rio Vista Neighborhood (Virginia Young Park and Hector Park Areas)

- Crews from Cliff Berry, Inc. (CBI) conducted cleanup and remediation work where needed in areas around Virginia Young Park and Hector Park.
- Stormwater crews continue to be on standby to address any drainage or tidal valve issues.
- Virginia Young Park and Hector Park remain closed to the public while restoration and remediation work continues.

Operations in the Himmarshee Canal

- Aerators continue to operate in the Himmarshee Canal to help improve water quality.
- The Himmarshee Canal from S. Federal Highway to the New River remains under a precautionary advisory for recreational water-related activities. Swimming, fishing, jet-skiing, paddle-boarding, kayaking, canoeing, or engaging in any water-related activities within the precautionary advisory area should be avoided.
- To view a map of the precautionary advisory area, please visit <http://bit.ly/35l0DuC>.

Environmental Activities

- **Water Sampling in Tarpon River and New River**

Water samples taken on December 31, 2019 in the Tarpon River and New River, showed 15 of the 16 samples with passing results. The single sampling point that did not pass is located at NW 18 Avenue and 2 Street. To view a map of the water sampling locations and complete test results, visit <http://bit.ly/2SHNN5V>.

- **Water Sampling in Himmarshee Canal**

Water samples taken on December 31, 2019 at three locations in the Himmarshee Canal showed no passing results. The locations that did not generate passing results are (1) SE 2 Street and SE 9 Avenue (Himmarshee Canal - Point of Entry); (2) SE 2 Street and SE 10 Avenue (Himmarshee Canal - Upstream); and (3) SE 2 Street and SE 8 Avenue (Himmarshee Canal – Downstream). To view a map of the water sampling locations and complete test results, visit <http://bit.ly/2SHNN5V>.

-Aerators will continue to be repositioned to locations in the Tarpon River, New River, and Himmarshee Canal that are not producing passing water quality results.

-Skimming and debris removal will continue where needed on the waterways and canals in the affected areas.

-Results from air quality testing conducted by GHD on December 23, 2019 may be viewed online at <http://bit.ly/2MP2Rev>.

Precautionary Advisory for Water-Related Recreational Activities

-A precautionary advisory for recreational activities in local waterways remains in effect.

-The boundaries are Broward Boulevard to the north, Poinciana Drive to the east, SE 15 Street to the south, and SW 18 Avenue to the west. Water-related activities including swimming, fishing, jet-skiing, paddle-boarding, kayaking, and canoeing should be avoided within these boundaries.

-To view a map of the precautionary advisory for water-related recreational activities, please visit <http://bit.ly/35I0DuC>.

Road Closures in Rio Vista

-Roads in the immediate vicinity of Virginia Young Park remain closed including portions of SE 10 Street and South Rio Vista Boulevard east of SE 9 Avenue, as well as SE 9 Avenue from south of the intersection at SE 8 Street to Ponce de Leon Drive.

-There is no access east of SE 9 Avenue at the intersections of SE 9 Street, SE 10 Street, South Rio Vista Boulevard, and the north side of Ponce de Leon Drive.

-To view a map of the road closures, please visit <http://bit.ly/34W91Q6>.

Safety Tips

-Neighbors in the affected areas are reminded to avoid contact with any standing water.

-If contact is made, please remember to follow proper hygiene procedures. Wash your hands with soap and warm water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer immediately after contact with wastewater, especially before preparing or eating food.

-Be sure to keep all children and pets away from any area affected by the wastewater spill that has not been remediated.

-Keep a container or spray bottle outside residential entryways with a 90/10 solution (90% water to 10% household bleach) to clean shoes and other items that may have come into contact with wastewater.

-To view a safety tips flyer, please visit <http://bit.ly/2sUvr73>.

For More Information

Neighbors are encouraged to stay up to date by visiting the City's website at www.fortlauderdale.gov or following the City on social media at:

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/CityofFortLauderdale/>

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/FTLCityNews>

Nextdoor - <https://www.nextdoor.com>

Neighbors may also call the City's 24-hour Neighbor Call Center at 954-828-8000.

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